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Letter dated 14 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter from the President of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Suleyman Demirel, dated 10 November 1994, addressed to the heads of State of some countries regarding the issue of humanitarian assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 99, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Inal BATU
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Annex

Letter dated 10 November 1994 from the President of Turkey to certain heads of State

Running into the third year of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, I feel obliged to write to you to share my grave concerns regarding the humanitarian situation in this beleaguered country. Winter is again approaching and the Bosnian people will have to endure yet another harsh season without sufficient shelter, food, heating and clothing. During my recent talks with the Bosniac leaders, they once again brought to my attention the dire circumstances in Bosnia, particularly in Sarajevo and the eastern enclaves, and asked for urgent assistance to relieve the suffering of the Bosnian people.

The untiring efforts of international organizations in this respect are certainly beyond praise and appreciation. However, much more has to be done to support the humanitarian relief efforts. We should all heed their appeals to sustain humanitarian assistance.

In view of your Governments' commitment to support international humanitarian relief efforts and your active interest in Bosnia and Herzegovina, I feel the need to bring the matter to your attention. I ask support and cooperation to assure the Bosnians that the world is not indifferent to their suffering, but is keenly interested in their fate.